

Dear Mayor Artman:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting in Greenville, Mississippi, on August 21, 2001. In your statement you discussed the closing of the Greenville Engineer Yard and requested Corps assistance in the proper clearing and community acquisition of this property. You also requested Corps assistance in your lakefront riprap project.

The Memphis District has removed 49,725 squares of articulated concrete mattress from the Greenville field for use in our revetment program this year. The District will remove the remaining 45,370 squares by completion of the 2002 revetment season. All floating plant has been removed from the Greenville Engineer Yard with the exception of one barge, which will be relocated early next calendar year. There are several pieces of equipment remaining next to the radio tower. The Memphis District plans to remove this equipment while the loading unit is in this area.

The Vicksburg District had discussions with Mr. James Wannamaker, Chief Engineer of the Mississippi Levee Board, concerning both the riprap stockpile and the land owned by the Vicksburg District at Greenville. The rock at Greenville is excess to the District's needs, and disposition of the rock will be through the Vicksburg District's Logistics Office and the General Services Administration (GSA). If no other Federal agency wants the rock, then the state or, in turn, the local government, in this case the City of Greenville, could acquire it through the GSA process if so desired.

The Vicksburg District's Real Estate Office is researching the easements, boundaries, and legal description on the property owned by the District at Greenville to include both the fleeting area where the Memphis District's bank grading/mat loading units moored their floating plant, the radio tower area, and the mat casting field. Mr. Wannamaker expressed a firm interest in obtaining all land owned by the Corps in Greenville. It is our understanding that the Mississippi Levee Board has coordinated its position with the City of Greenville, and you concur with the Levee Board's proposal. The Vicksburg District intends to keep the high-water access ramp located just downstream of the fleeting area and also an easement to it from Deaton Street. It is anticipated the disposal process will be completed by the end of 2002.

The Corps has leased 27.58 acres from the Board of Mississippi Levee Commissioners. This lease will be terminated and the buildings located on the land will be disposed of in accordance with GSA procedures. The Levee Board members have not decided at this time if they would accept the buildings once the lease is terminated. If they should decide they want the buildings, every effort will be made to ensure they receive them. The Corps will assist in your endeavor to clean up properties that we currently occupy as much as possible.

Thank you again for your participation in our hearing. The Commission appreciates receiving your comments and will be pleased to hear from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

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River Commission